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### **IN MEMORIAM**

Here are some comments about Bennie. If you like please share your thoughts about Bennie with us.




### **BENNIE BOCK II**

May 17, 1942 - June 29, 2022

From his granddaughter **Rachel Carterette Badger**

Yesterday my beloved Papí went to be with the Lord. My grandfather was my best friend, especially in recent years. When my grandmother died, we started talking more and developed a relationship and he told me two weeks ago “no other granddaughter and grandfather have”. He was the only grandfather I ever knew and I’m so glad I got to spend 23 years with him. I’ll miss channeling my inner cowgirl with him and spending weekends at the ranch and grabbing BBQ. I’ll miss going to the state capital and sitting in his chair on the representative’s floor. I’ll miss the stories he told me and moments of wisdom he implored on me. My Papí was the best man I ever met. He taught me so much about life and it hurts my heart to see him gone. But I’m so glad

he’s with Tía and Mumsie. I love you, Papí  this family has some big cowboy boots to fill.

**Ed Emmett**

Mike, last night while enjoying the view from the deck of our cabin, I thought about Bennie and so many others like him that came to the Legislature for the right reasons. Government was better then...

**Patricia Gray**

I did not know Rep. Bock personally, but once again I am struck by the thoughtfulness, talent, intelligence, and warmth of personality that comes through in the stories these former members share or that others share about them. In my time there, I was reminded several times that in any given two year cycle, only 181 people in this state have the privilege of serving in the legislature. I wish these stories could be better known. Perhaps the combination of both the ordinariness of their lives combined with the very real spark that drove their public service on behalf of their neighbors and communities would inspire more confidence in the government we need.